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In re Application of:)
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Jean-Pierre Isnard et al.) Group Art Unit: 1713
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Application No.: 10/520,903) Examiner: William K. Cheung
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For: Process for the (Co-)Polymerisation of) **Mail Stop AF**
Olefins in the Gas Phase)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

REPLY

With the filing of this Reply, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination requesting that the Reply previously submitted on November 20, 2007 be entered. Thus the claims now in this case are claims 1-9 and 11-16 as amended in that Reply. In addition, Applicants have attached with this Reply for the Examiner's consideration, a Declaration of Mr. Andrew David Bell, an employee of the assignee and an individual skilled in the art of olefin polymerization processes.

As noted in the previously submitted Reply, the Examiner had rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 4,316,825 to Wirth in view of Durand (EP 0 180420). For convenience, Applicants' arguments for patentability of the claims set forth in the previous Reply are repeated below.

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